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State Water Project to Deliver 100 Percent of Requests

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources announced today it will deliver full entitlement requests (about 2.7 million acre-feet of water) to its 29 long-term water supply contractors in 1996.

An acre-foot of water is the amount one to two families of five ordinarily use in one year.

The increased delivery is based on the water content in February's Northern Sierra snowpack.

The Department allocates water as soon as it becomes available to help water contractors plan operations for 1996.

About 60 percent of State Water Project deliveries go to urban users in the San Francisco Bay Area, the San Joaquin Valley, and Southern California. Forty percent of the water goes to agricultural users in the San Joaquin Valley.

The Department bases its delivery estimates primarily on the amount of water in storage, environmental requirements and projections of runoff from snowpack.

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